

President Armacost Given Petition For Cancellation Of Classes

A petition containing 484 signatures of students concerning the proposed cancellation of classes on November 27, the day after Thanksgiving, was presented to President Peter Armacost on last Wednesday.

After receiving the petition from Sue Haworth, junior senator sponsoring the petition, Armacost stated that he would present the petition to Academic Council which would then make a recommendation to the faculty. The faculty is scheduled to meet on October

When asked of his personal views, Dr. Armacost said he did not know about the proposal and that he would have to do some more investigation before forming an opinion. He said that if the decision were up to him, he would turn it down in concurrence with the decisions of the faculty and a self-study committee last year. Armacost expressed sympathy with the underlying con-



PRESIDENT VIEWS PETITION- President Peter H. Armacost discusses points made in a student petition supporting a cancellation of classes on November 27, the day after Thanksgiving. (Campus Photo)

cern, realizing that the new educational program had increased the pressure on students which could be relieved by a four-day holiday. Armacost also noted that he would

be more than willing to support it if this is the trend that his investigation indicates.

Armacost noted that some faculty members believe that if the students are given Friday off many of them will desire to go home for the vacation. As a result, some may leave Tuesday night or even Friday of the previous week causing them to miss several days of class instead of just one.

The circulation of the petition among the student body had been preceded by the sending of a memo from the Student Senate to the faculty and administration advocating the cancellation of classes. In part, the memo stated: "...there

would be a discontinuity in the academic program. The scheduled day of classes would be, in a sense, isolated by the day's vacation prior to the scheduled classes and the following weekend." The memo also indicated that students who are absent on Friday may be penalized for their absence if classes are held.

In commenting on her conversation with Dr. Armacost, Sue Haworth said, "I'm more aware of him." She said that he has a willingness to sit down and talk with students. She feels that some type of reaction will result.

When asked why she sponsored the petition and the memo sent to faculty members and administrators, Miss Haworth stated that a lot of students had come to her and expressed a dislike for the idea of having classes the day after Thanksgiving. She said that this prompted her to the courses of action she took.

In explaining the rationale behind the petition, she said that there is a great deal of

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Interclub Council Proposes Extension of Visitation Hours

In the Interclub Council Meeting of October 6, 1970, a proposal to extend hours of visitation, budget, Campus Chest were discussed.

The proposal by Marty Malik to extend visitation hours in men's dorms to 1:00 a.m. or until women's closing hours was unanimously approved. This

Scudder stated that there was a slight possibility of receiving the \$2.50 allotment if clubs could trace the history of the \$2.50 to social clubs. Interclub decided to send a representative to talk with Mr. Bundy in the Business Office.

There were several sug-

POETRY POST

Anyone interested in having poems published in Poetry Post should send their poems to Susan Shumway, Box 958. All poems should be in by Wednesday noon to be in that week's issue.

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pressure on the students as a result of the new program, and that students would need the four-day vacation. She said that students would either relax so much on Thanksgiving that they would not be ready for classes on Friday or they would not be able to have adequate relaxation on Thursday because of the day's classes following.

Sue Fell, senior senator, noted that a lot of students are thinking of quitting school already because of the pressure. "Pressure is the biggest thing," she commented. Miss Fell said that the whole question of scheduling should come up again.

Sue Haworth also noted a need for freshmen who are away from home for the first time to return home sometime before the Christmas vacation, but she indicated that the final decision lies with the faculty.

In commenting on the proposed class cancellation, Jerry Streets, senate chairman, said that he did not think that there should be classes on Friday. He also added that students should meet the responsibility of being there on Wednesday.

Sophomore Senator Donna Askeu suggested that Senators should take the initiative of urging students to be in class on Wednesday. She noted that the importance of students attending classes on Wednesday could be mentioned in today's senate forum.

Miss Askeu felt that both administrators and faculty members have been underestimating the amount of pressure on the students as a result

of the new educational program.

Jerry Streets noted only one reply to the memo advocating the cancellation of classes from Student Senate to the faculty and administration. According to Streets, Dr. Horton Presley, professor of English, sent a note stating his opposition to the cancellation of classes.

Coffee House Opens

The first Ward Manor Coffee House will be held this Saturday night with live entertainment from 10 to 1:30.

Ward Manor, located two blocks North of campus on Poplar, has been made available to the students and the Ottawa Community in order to continue the Sheldon Hall experiment begun last year. Plans call for the house to be used for seminars, coffee houses, and other organized groups who need somewhere to go. Lora Reiter's core seminar has been fixing up the building in preparation for its use as a core project. Groups wishing to use the house for activities should make arrangements through Peg Wittmer or Jim Scudder.

This week's coffeehouse will be informal with live music entertainment provided by O.U. students. Coffee and peanuts will be served. Lana Hundley is the general manager for coffeehouses held at Ward Manor. Anyone who would like to perform this Saturday or in the future should get in touch with Lana.